United States District Court Southern District of Florida September 1, 2004 Contact: Clarence Maddox Court Administrator (305) 523-5001

PRESS RELEASE

Due to the imminent threat of Hurricane Frances, Chief United States District Judge William J. Zloch announced today that all United States Courthouses in the Southern District of Florida, including all divisions of the United States Bankruptcy Court, will be closed at 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 2. These closings include the Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Fort Pierce and Key West federal courthouses. It is anticipated that courthouses in these locations will resume normal business on Tuesday, September 7, 2004.

Updates on further developments and re-openings will be posted as they occur. The general public may obtain information by calling (305) 523-5100. Jurors should call the information number posted on their summons for further information.